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SUBJECT: CHROME CERTIFICATION AGREEMENTS

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1. MR. PERCEY WESTERLUND AND MR. ULF DINKELSPIEL OF
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SWEDISH EMBASSY ALONG WITH MR. JOHANSSON, SWEDISH BOARD OF
COMMERCE, DISCUSSED THE UNITED STATES CERTIFICATION REQUIRE-
MENTS FOR FERROCHROMIUM AND CHROMIUM-BEARING STEEL MILL
PRODUCTS WITH TREASURY'S OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL
ON JUNE 14. THE SWEDISH REPRESENTATIVES INDICATED THAT
SWEDEN WOULD BE ABLE TO AGREE TO A CERTIFICATION PROCEDURE
SIMILAR TO THE DRAFT AGREEMENT WHICH THE EC AND THE U.S.

ARE DISCUSSING.

2. MOST OF THE DISCUSSION DEALT WITH MINOR TECHNICAL ISSUES WHICH WERE READILY RESOLVED. HOWEVER, THERE WAS SOME DISAGREEMENT CONCERNING THE EXTENT TO WHICH SHIPMENTS OF SOUTH AFRICAN ORE AND FERROCHROMIUM SHOULD BE TESTED.

THE SWEDISH REPRESENTATIVES STATED THAT SWEDEN WOULD BE WILLING TO TEST UP TO FIFTY PERCENT OF ARRIVING SHIPMENTS OF SOUTH AFRICAN ORE AND FERROCHROMIUM IF THE EC AGREED TO A SIMILAR LEVEL OF TESTING.

TREASURY INDICATED THAT IF THE EC AGREED TO A HIGHER LEVEL OF TESTING, TREASURY WOULD EXPECT SWEDEN AND ALL OTHER COUNTRIES TO AGREE TO A SIMILAR LEVEL. THE UNITED STATES WOULD PREFER THAT ALL SHIPMENTS OF SOUTH AFRICAN ORE AND FERROCHROMIUM BE TESTED SINCE SOUTH AFRICA IS THE AREA OF GREATEST RISK.

3. SINCE SWEDEN HAS AGREED TO CERTIFY CHROME BEARING MATERIALS AND HAS MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CERTIFICATION PROCEDURE, TREASURY HAS INFORMED DINKELSPIEL THAT TREASURY WILL ALLOW SWEDEN TO CONTINUE TO USE THE INTERIM CERTIFICATION PROCEDURES UNTIL JULY 18. THIS EXTENSION IS INTENDED TO ALLOW SWEDEN TIME TO SIGN A FINAL CERTIFICATION AGREEMENT AND TO IMPLEMENT ITS CERTIFICATION PROGRAM. FYI. EXTENSION LIKELY TO BE GRANTED TO OTHERS IN NEAR FUTURE. END FYI.

4. FOR OSLO. OF THE COUNTRIES WHICH EXPORT CHROME-BEARING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MATERIALS TO THE U.S., NORWAY WAS THE LAST TO CONTACT TREASURY AND INITIATE NEGOTIATIONS ON A CERTIFICATION AGREEMENT, DESPITE REPEATED URGINGS BY DEPARTMENT. (SOUTH AFRICA EXPORTS CHROME BEARING MATERIALS TO U.S., BUT WILL BE SUBJECT TO SPECIAL PROCEDURES.)

THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE GON AT THE DIRECTOR GENERAL LEVEL OR HIGHER AND URGE THAT GON INSTRUCT THE NORWEGIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON TO EXPEDITE NEGOTIATIONS WITH TREASURY. (WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE NORWEGIAN EMBASSY REQUESTED INSTRUCTIONS FROM OSLO, BUT NO RESPONSE HAS BEEN RECEIVED TO DATE.) CHRISTOPHER

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